

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: **Occupational Therapists (29-1122)**

Associated Occupation: **Physical Therapist Assistants (31-2021)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 89

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	18.4	13.6	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	15.0	16.4	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Education and Training	9.2	14.7	17.7	> Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Psychology	6.4	14.6	17.7	> Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	12.5	9.3	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Biology	3.7	8.5	6.3	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	11.8	12.0	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	10.8	11.7	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Coordination	9.1	10.2	10.2	0 Current skill level may be sufficient

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Abilities

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Speech Recognition	9.9	11.8	11.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Static Strength	5.0	8.6	5.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Extent Flexibility	4.8	8.5	5.2	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Trunk Strength	5.7	8.3	6.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Coordination	3.9	6.6	5.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Stamina	4.0	6.6	4.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speed of Limb Movement	3.2	5.5	4.2	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 74

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Evaluate patient response to therapy	78
Observe patient condition	48
Plan therapy treatment program	77
Position patient for therapy	70
Use knowledge of medical terminology	40
Work with persons with mental disabilities or illnesses	62

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 73

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
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Ambulation and transfer and positioning aids for the physically challenged	27
Blood pressure units and related products	11
Business function specific software	1
Cameras	2
Casting and splinting supplies	25
Computer game or entertainment software	33
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Gait training products	43
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Lamps	19
Medical exam size measuring devices	24
Orthopedic softgoods for lower extremity	33
Patient beds and accessories	30
Patient lifts	35
Patient transport products	18
Rehabilitation exercise devices and equipment	24
Stethoscopes and related products	14
Vascular and compression therapy equipment and supplies	33

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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